

SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING HOW-TO GUIDE



How To Prepare

Acceptable Items

	NEWSPAPERS Newspapers must be bundled and tied with string or twine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper • Inserts that come w/newspapers, such as comics, glossy coupons, TV/magazine sections & colored food/store ads
	GLASS BOTTLES, ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS (#1 - #7), STEEL, BIMETAL & ALUMINUM CANS These items should be rinsed thoroughly and placed inside your recycling bucket. Only the items listed at right are acceptable. Crush all plastic bottles to save space and remove caps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass bottles (all colors) • Glass jars (all colors) • Steel cans • Bimetal cans • Aluminum cans • All plastic bottles and containers #1 - #7 #1 - #7 Examples: water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo and cleaning-agent bottles. You may also include peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubs, plastic trays and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars. NO STYROFOAM®
	OTHER PAPER/JUNK MAIL Other paper should be placed in a brown paper bag or cardboard box and placed next to your blue bucket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magazines • Writing/school paper • All envelopes • Copy paper • Paperback books • Hardcover books w/hard covers removed • Catalogs • Phone books • Store fliers w/mailling labels • Office paper • Non-metallic gift wrap • Greeting cards
	CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, CHIPBOARD & PIZZA BOXES Corrugated cardboard must be cut into 2 ft. x 2 ft. squares and tied with string or twine. Please include pizza boxes & chipboard with corrugated cardboard. Place tied bundle (pizza boxes, chipboard & cardboard) next to your recycling bucket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrugated cardboard • Pizza boxes • Brown bags • Chipboard boxes including - cereal, cookie, pasta, cake, cracker, detergent (remove plastic liners), gift, shoe, shirt and any retail boxes. Poster board & backing from writing pads also accepted. • Tissue boxes • Paper towel rolls <div data-bbox="1209 829 1404 1039"> <p>For more information about curbside collection call the Recycling Center at 732-469-3363</p> </div>

Recyclables are the property of Somerset County when placed at the curb. Please notify your local police department or the Somerset County Recycling Center if anyone other than county employees removes recyclables from your curb. Theft of recyclable materials is illegal.

RECYCLING...DO IT RIGHT!

IT'S OK TO RECYCLE...

All plastic bottles and containers
numbered #1 - #7



We DO NOT accept #6 -
Polystyrene/Styrofoam®

WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE CURBSIDE...

PLASTIC: Un-numbered plastics • Microwave trays • Plastic bags • Motor oil and antifreeze bottles • Plastic cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons • Plastic flower pots • Beer balls • Plastic toys • Pesticide containers • Plastic coat hangers • Plastic drums & crates • 5-gallon buckets (spackle & paint containers) • Pool chemical containers • Styrofoam® • Prescription bottles • Plastic caps

PAPER: Waxed paper • Tissue paper • Napkins • Paper towels • Frozen food boxes • Paper plates • Cups • Metallic & plastic-coated paper • Paper with metal objects (file folders, binders, etc.)

BATTERIES: Alkaline, rechargeable & button-cell batteries

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Program (see page 4)



Christmas Tree Recycling

The Somerset County Park Commission will accept Christmas trees from December 26, 2013 through January 31, 2014 at North Branch Park, Parking Lot A, in Bridgewater or Colonial Park, Parking Lot F, in Somerset. For more information about Christmas tree recycling, call 908-722-9292, press 6, or call your local municipal building for information.



Recycling Buckets



Please keep your recycling buckets clean! All Somerset County residents are asked to thoroughly clean and rinse their recycling buckets periodically with hot, soapy water. Clean buckets attract fewer pests and reduce offensive odors.

Residents are reminded to rinse all bottles, jars and cans before placing them in the buckets. This maintains a sanitary container. Clean recyclables also are more desirable as they are considered a higher quality by the recycling mills, which purchase materials.

If your household needs additional buckets, please call the Recycling Center at 732-469-3363 for further information.

NEW

Food Donations Program

Somerset County will now collect canned food donations
ALL YEAR ROUND.

Please put CANNED food donations in any plastic grocery bag. Place them at the curb on your recycling pickup days.

Canned Goods ONLY
NO Glass • NO Perishables
Questions? Call 732-469-3363